GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take various initiatives to boost tourism and the hospitality education in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) The details of tourist inflow growth registered in the country during 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(d) The details of forex earned and employment generated by tourism industry during the said period State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTUTE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 206 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2008 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY EDUCATION.

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism has taken a number of initiatives to boost tourism and hospitality education. In addition to twenty six functional Institutes of Hotel Management (IHMs) and four IHMs sanctioned earlier and presently under construction, the Ministry has sanctioned eight more IHMs in the State sector during the current financial year. Besides, four Food Craft Institutes (FCIs) have also been sanctioned for skill level training. The head quarters of the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM) is at Gwalior and another centre had been sanctioned at NOIDA, (UP) in the year 2006-07. Central assistance has also been extended for the up-gradation and strengthening of the existing IHMs/FCIs with a view to increasing their students' intake.

(c) & (d): The foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) in India in the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 were 3.92 million, 4.45 million and about 5 million respectively. The growth in FTAs in 2006 over 2005 and in 2007 over 2006 was 13.5% and 12.4% respectively. The state-wise figures of foreign exchange earnings and employment generated from tourism are not compiled. However, the foreign exchange earnings from tourism (estimated) for the country as a whole was US $ 8.93 billion and US $ 11.96 billion for the years 2006 and 2007 respectively. The estimated employment figures for these years were 50.3 million and 53.7 million.